

## James Matteson

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**From:** Mike Linder  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 8:33 AM  
**To:** Sam Bofto; Kent O'Donnell  
**Cc:** James Matteson; Kevan Bryan  
**Subject:** Re: Animal Boarding

I would recommend we move forward and sign a one-year contract with YVAS.

Over the past 7 or 8 years we have been fortunate to keep our animal control costs to a minimum. Reducing the number of animal control officers from 2 to 1, and using local connections to provide boarding services has saved us a considerable amount of money over these years. Obviously, the number of people or businesses available to provide the services we require, have dwindled over the years. Quite frankly, the amount YVAS is asking is less than what the City was asking when they were running the shelter. What YVAS is asking is reasonable and I feel it would be in our best interest to accept their proposal.

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Looks complete to me

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**From:** Kent O'Donnell <[kodonnell@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:kodonnell@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 6:51 AM  
**To:** Mike Linder <[mlinder@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:mlinder@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)>; Sam Bofto <[sbofto@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:sbofto@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)>  
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If you can look this over and I'd like to move forward

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**From:** James Matteson <[jmatteson@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:jmatteson@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)>  
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**To:** Kent O'Donnell <[kodonnell@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:kodonnell@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)>  
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